

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 28, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1590**

This bill, if enacted, will amend the Tennessee election laws to provide that no primary election shall be held for a county office unless:

- 1) the primary election is approved by the county election committee of all statewide political parties; or
- 2) the political party desiring to hold the county primary election pays for the cost of the election.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to result in a decrease in local government expenditures to the extent statewide political parties eliminate the holding of primary elections which have been traditionally held or the political parties pay for the cost of the election. Each election which a county does not fund will represent a savings of approximately \$ 1 per vote cast in the primary election. The decrease in local government expenditures cannot reasonably be determined but can reasonably be estimated to exceed \$100,000 if several elections which would otherwise be held are not held or are paid for by political parties.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director